SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

There are in all Spain only 3,220 children in the Sunday schools.

The membership of chartered Epworth leagues now reaches 233,015. Bishop Hendrix, of the Methodist church, South, has dedicated 139

churches. Aaron French, of Pittsburgh, has added \$3,500 to his previous gifts of \$12,500

to the Georgia school of technology. In Chicago 111 schools have adopted the penny-savings system. The children in these institutions saved \$9,214 during the month of October.

Connecticut figures from its recent state school census that it has 20 per cent. more inhabitants than it had in 1890. The population of the country on this basis is 75,150,000.

St. Bede the Venerable's feast day is to be observed by Catholics all over the world as well as in England from 1901 on according to a recent decree of the sacred congregation of rites. His day in the calendar will be May 27, his birthday.

When the men now under orders have reached their destination there will be 15 army secretaries of the Young Men's | The Pointed Retort of a Small But Christian association in the Philippines. Miss Helen Gould has contributed the larger portion of the money for the maintenance of this special work.

James M. Munyon, of Philadelphia, will build a college for girls on plans like those of Girard college, for the benefit of native-born American girls who have no relatives upon whom to depend for support. Industrial training will be the leading feature. He will spend \$2,000,000 in establishing the

POWER OF EXPLOSIVES.

The Effect of the Most Energetic Is Not So Terrible as Generally Supposed.

There is a widespread misapprehension in regard to the devastating effect of these high explosives, for when unconfined the effect even of large charges of them upon structures is comparatively slight. At the naval ordnance proving ground, so long ago as 1884, repeated charges of dynamite, varying from five to one hundred pounds in weight, were detonated on the face of a vertical target consisting of 11 oneinch wrought-iron plates bolted to a 20inch oak backing, until 440 pounds of dynamite had been so detonated in contact with it, and yet the target remained practically uninjured; while at Braamfontein the accidental explosion of 55 tons of blasting gelatin, which was stored in railway vans, excavated but 30,000 tons of soft earth. This last may seem a terrible effect, but the amount of explosive involved was enormous and the material one of the most energetic that we possess, while if we energetic that we possess, while if we compare it with the action of explosives when confined its effect becomes quite moderate. Thus at Fort Lee, on the Hudson, but two tons of dynamite placed in a chamber in the rock and tamped brought down 100,000 tons of the rock; at Lamberis, Wales, two tons and a half of gelatin dynamite similar.

American, French, Kotterdam, Red Star and Thingvalla lines.

They will meet all incoming steamships, and will be prepared to furnish railway tickets, parlor and sleeping car accommodations and to assist passengers with their baggag and check it to points on the line of the railroad, after it has been passed by the customs inspectors. They will also transh passengers with cabs operated by the railroad company, and furnish time tables and general information to passengers. The ly placed threw out 180,000 tons of two men have also been directed to assist rock; and at the Talcen Mawr, in Wales, passengers who come to this city with a seven tons of gunpowder, placed in two chambers in the rock, dislodged from 125,000 to 200,000 tons of rock. We might cite many such examples, but on comparing these we find that the gunpowder confined in the interior at the powder confined in the interior at the Advertiser. Talcen Mawr was over 42 times as efficient as the explosive gelatin on the surface at Braamfontein, while the dynamite at Fort Lee was over 90 times as destructive .- Prof. C. E. Munroe, in Appletons' Popular Science Monthly.

WHERE GOLD GROWS.

Localities Where Fresh Deposits of the Precious Metal Crop Out Every Year.

There are localities where gold may be said to grow every year, or, in other words, where fresh deposits of the precious metal are to be found annually.

One such district is in the Edmonton country, in the Canadian northwest, where, after the spring floods from the same banks and "benches" of the Saskatchewan river, there are taken every year considerable quantities of gold by a few diggers, who make their living

out of the business. But the most conspicuous and interesting case of this sort is to be seen near Ichang, in the province of Hupeh, in China. For many centuries past each year gold has been washed from the banks of coarse gravel on both sides of the River Han, and in the midst of the auriferous district there is an ancient town called Ulkutten, which means "Gold Diggers' Inn." Its inhabitants subdivide the gold-bearing ground among themselves annually, staking out their claims with partitions. They pay no royalty and appear to earn no more than a bare subsistence, but this may be doubted, as John Chinaman is an adept at "layin' low and sayin' nuffin","

The annual river floods bring down millions of tons of mud and sand from the mountains, and this mud and sand, which is charged with gold, both "fine" and in flakes, is deposited to a depth of six inches or more on the banks of gravel. It is in the winter that the gold is washed, and it is said that seven men work about 20 tons of the "pay dirt" in a day.-London Answers.

Fendal System in Sweden.

There is a special class of farm laborers in Sweden who are given so many acres of land for their own use, in consideration for so many days' labor during the period for the owner of the farm. They are a sort of fixture to an estate, and their like exists in no other

country .- N. Y. Sun. Love Not Blind. Love isn't blind; it usually sees double .- Chicago Daily News.

IT WAS CRUEL.

A Smart Young Man, a Timid Maiden and a Cute Little Box.

She was really very timid.

And was he quite sure it would not hurt

It was so annoying to be suddenly fright-A dead open and shut brace game of se

A dead open and shut brace game of security from harm?

How nice! No, she did not understand exactly, but as she had never, never seen a realive, red bat, she might take just one peep, just a peep, into the cute little box he had in his hand.

Would the bat really wink its twinkling, batty, beady bugles at her, and sqeak a little squeak squirt of a squeak! How funny he was.

Mercy! Don't open the box yet. Give her time to prepare herself. Yes, he could hold her hand as an assurance of his presence, and support, if neces-

No squeezing, though. Now, open the lid so carefully that the little bat cannot fly out, and tear her fluffy And she was sold as a Greek slave in the market place of the streets of Cairo by a brickbat.—Washington Star.

CELESTIAL CHAFF.

Smart Mongolian to an American Schoolmate.

The young daughter of a former Philadelphian is a schoolmate of little Wu, the son of the Chinese ambassador at Washington. During a recent visit here she often talked about the little celestial, and told tales about him that seemed to indicate that tales about him that seemed to indicate that little Wu at times gently guys his Christian schoolmates. "He is awfully cute," she said, "and speaks very correct English. He's just my age, yet he's ahead of me. What he likes best to eat, he says, is milhi. That is young mice, dipped in honey and swallowed raw. A horrible thing, isn't it? But Wu says that milhi aren't half so gonashy and slimy as raw ovsters. His squashy and slimy as raw oysters. His mother's feet are so tiny that she can hardly walk at all. She is pushed about in a wheeled chair. I asked Wu once if he didn't think it was cruel to torture the Chinese ladies' feet like that. He said: 'Virginia, my papa says that whenever any person asks me that question I must make the follow-ing reply: "It is not more cruel than for American ladies to torture their waists in teel corsets until their noses are beet red and their shapes like an hour glass." Then he gave a loud laugh and walked away with his little hands in the pockets of his baggy brocade trousers. He looks awfully grave and funny."—Philadelphia Press.

TO MEET STEAMSHIPS.

A New Service by the New York Central Railroad.

George H. Daniels, general passenger gent of the New York Central and Hudagent of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, has added a steamship bureau to the equipment of the passenger service of the road. He has engaged
Captains Louis Ingwersen and F. A. G.
Schultze to superintend the bureau, and one
of their duties will be to meet all incoming
trans-Atlantic and the principal coastwise
steamships to assist passengers who wish
to leave the city via the Vanderbilt system.
Capt. Ingwersen will have charge of the
American, Cunard, White Star, Atlantic
Transport, Wilson, Anchor and Allan-State
lines, and Capt. Schultze has been assigned
to the North-German Lloyd, HamburgAmerican, French, Rotterdam, Red Star
and Thingyalla lines.

Hard on the Doorkeeper.

On the opening day of the session of the Fifty-sixth congress, a tall, gaunt man, shambling of gait, with "high-water" trousers, a slouched hat mashed in any old way, and an overcoat that needed brushing, preand an overcoat that needed brushing, presented himself at the center door of the house of representatives. He started to walk right in, but was stopped by one of the doorkeepers, who said to him, testily: "Say, don't you know you can't go in there?" "No. I didn't know it, my friend; I thought I could," he said, mildly. "Nobody but members allowed in to-day." "Well, I'm a member; Congressman Cushman, of Washington." "Oh! I beg your pardon; walk right in." As Mr. Cushman strode into the hall the astonished doorkeeper looked after him for a moment, and then, turning to his asfor a moment, and then, turning to his assistant on the door, said: "Say, Bill, did you see that? Well, after that I ain't got the nerve to stop anything."—Criterion.

"Yes, he brought out his history of the regiment for private circulation." "Indeed. That's strange." "I don't think so. Every private in the regiment bought a copy."—

Cleveland Plain Dealer. THE MARKETS.

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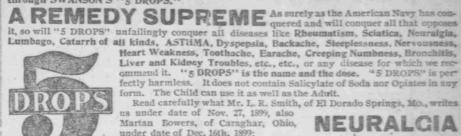
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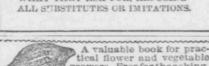
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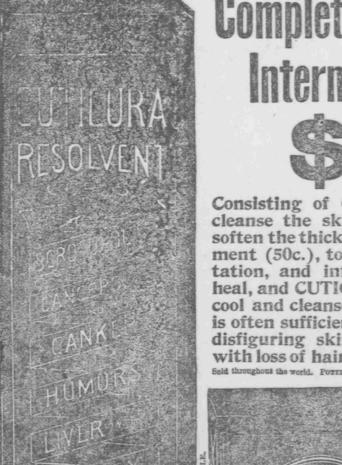


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